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SUBJECT: POLISH ANTARCTIC OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPEDITION

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1. ON DECEMBER 31, THE EMBASSY FORWARDED THE U.S. REPLY TO THE POLISH NOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI AS POLISH ANTARCTIC OBSERVER AS PROVIDED IN STATE 302842. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE REPLY DATED JANUARY 31 WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY:

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONVEYS EXPRESSIONS OF RESPECT TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND REFERRING TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. RE OF DECEMBER 31, 1975 HAS THE HONOR TO EXPRESS ITS SATISFACTION WITH THE ASSURANCES OF READINESS TO ASSIST THE POLISH SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION BY THE UNITED STATES STATIONS IN THE ANTARCTIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, IN CONNECTION WITH THE NON-RECOGNITION BY THE UNITED STATES OF THE POWERS OF DR. S. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI AS THE ANTARCTIC OBSERVER FOR THE POLISH SIDE
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FOR THE ANTARCTIC SUMMER 1976/76, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN

AFFAIRS WISHES TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. POLAND BECAME A PARTY TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY BY ACCESSION IN 1961, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ART. XIII OF THE TREATY.
2. BY SENDING THE CURRENT SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION TO THE ANTARCTIC REGION IN THE PERIOD OF ANTARCTIC SUMMER (DECEMBER 1975-MARCH 1976) POLAND HAS OBTAINED THE RIGHT TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS AS PROVIDED FOR IN ART. IX, ITEM 2, FURTHER MENTIONED IN ITEM 1 OF THIS ARTICLE.
3. THROUGH OBTAINING OF THE RIGHT TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE FOR PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIONS THE POLISH SIDE AT THE SAME TIME GAINED THE RIGHT TO NOMINATE AN ANTARCTIC OBSERVER UNDER THIS PROVISION OF ARTICLE VII.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION COMMUNICATED ABOVE, POLAND HAS OBTAINED INDISPUTABLY THE RIGHT TO NOMINATE DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI AS THE ANTARCTIC OBSERVER FOR THE POLISH SIDE FOR THE ANTARCTIC SUMMER 1975/1976.

ALSO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMS, THAT BESIDES THIS FIRST INDEPENDENT ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION, POLAND AD MANY TIMES PARTICIPATED IN THE SOVIET EXPEDITIONS IN THE YEARS 1968-70/14 SAE, 1971-72/17 SAE, 1973-74/19 SAE, AS WELL AS IN SOME AMERICAN EXPEDITIONS. WE BELIVE THIS PARTICIPATION IS A SUFFICIENT CONFIRMATION OF POLAND'S INTEREST IN THE ANTARCTIC WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ARTICLE IX, ITEM 2.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPRESSES ITS CONVICTION THAT THE MISUNDERSTANDING ORIGINATING FROM THE INTERPRETATION, AND NOT FROM THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY, WILL BE REVISED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE, AND THT DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI'S POWERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS VALID. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT NONE OF THE STATES NOTIFIED OF THE NOMINATION BY THE POLISH SIDE HAS QUESTIONED THE RIGHT AND POWERS OF POLAND TO NOMINATE AN ANTARCTIC OBSERVER.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY IT EXPRESSIONS OF HIGH RESPECT."

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